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Just my two cents --

I am a physician, an ethicist, and an informaticist.

I welcomed the courts' conclusion that Microsoft has abused its monopoly position.

I am dismayed that the Justice Department is not using the clear conclusions of law to take substantive steps in protecting both all consumers and producers of potentially competitive products. In particular, the proposed settlement provides inadequate recourse for those (e.g., in open-source software development projects) that Microsoft doesn't consider legitimate businesses. It seems Microsoft can refuse them access to APIs and other important operating system information on its own recognizance. Given their record of flagrant violation of both the spirit and letter of the law, this is indefensible.

I oppose the proposed settlement vehemently.

Sincerely,

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